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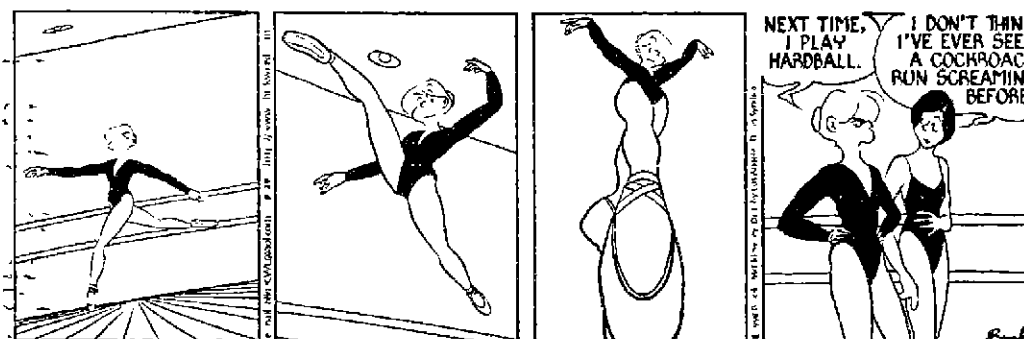
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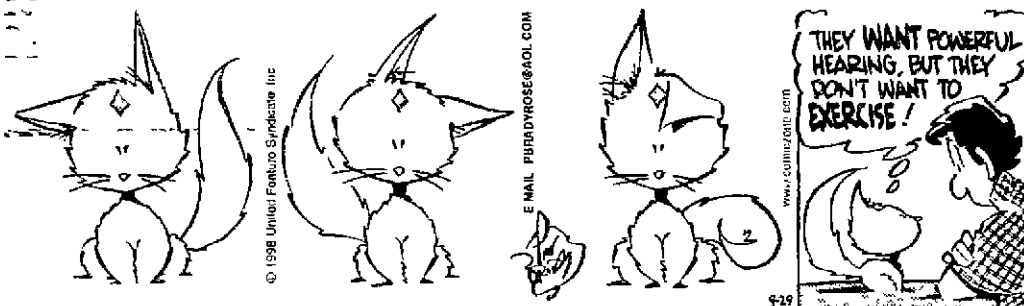
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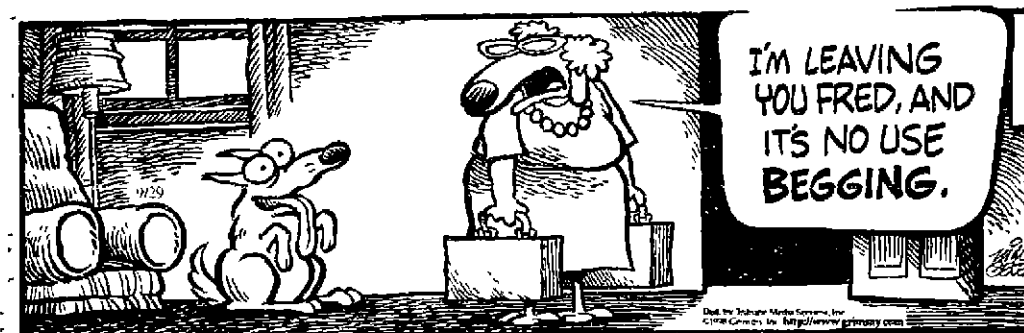
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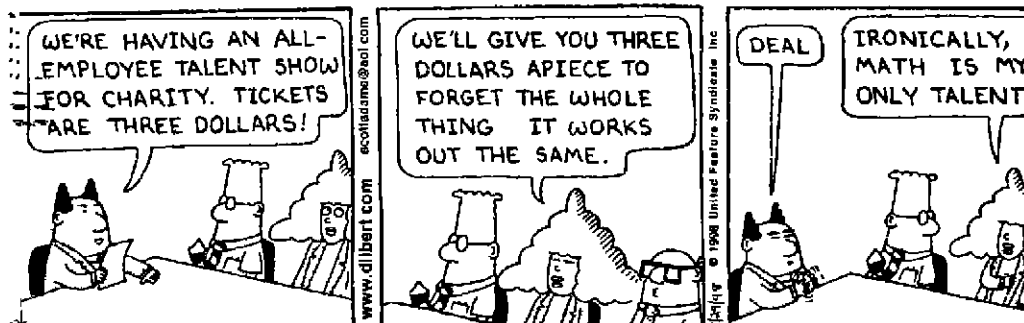
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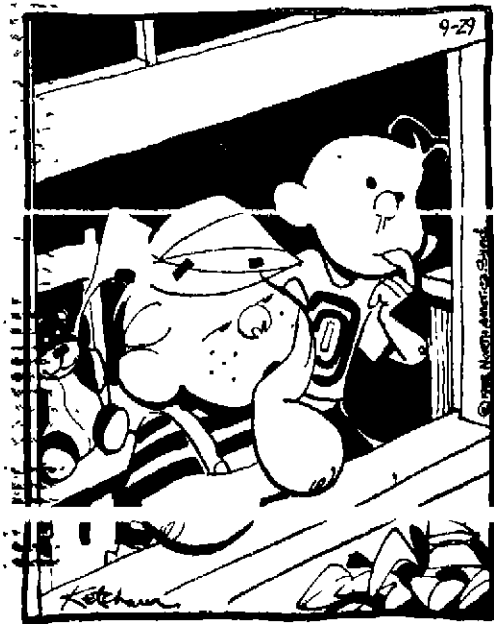
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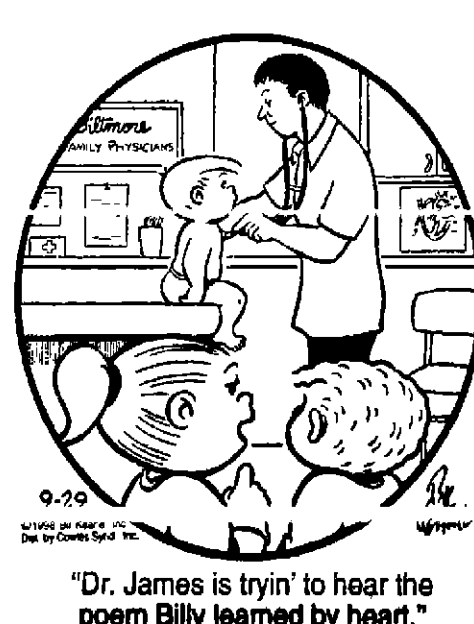
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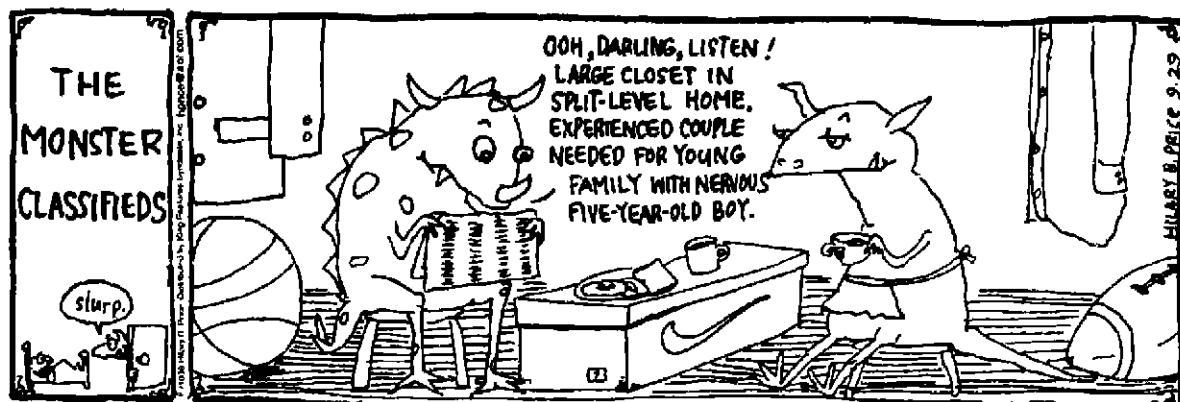
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former singing cowboy and baseball owner Gene Autry is 91. Actress Anita Ekberg is 67. Actor Eddie Barth is 67. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 63. Actor Larry Linville is 59. Actress Madeline Kahn is 56. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 50. Rock singer-musician Mark Farner (Grand Funk Railroad) is 50. Country singer Alvin Crow is 48. Singer Suzzy Roche (The Roches) is 42.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 55-75
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OGSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-30-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: A U U Y G R S
RACK 2: N O P T T R O
RACK 3: P S O O H T Y
RACK 4: R G D E H T h

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

For the head

B S F T Q N K H D A W X U R P
M J S R G D O P A X O V S Q N
K I H E A D A C H E L M E T F
D N W O R C A X E G L V O T Q
O M J I H D S F A C I U A Y W
U R A P N L D N D J P W H F D
B H T Z X V T A R E R Q O M K
I H F S D B Z Y E O M W V T R
Q O N L E K I H S H H U F D C
A Z X W S R E L T N A V L U S
R Q O N M K C J I H T F E P D

Monday's unlisted clue AUTOBAHN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hunt FOR THE KING'S HEAD

Antlers Hat Helmet
Cap Headache Horns
Crest Headrest Pillow
Hairdo Headrest Plume

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Assemble a group of like-minded individuals, and you will be amazed at the energy that will subsequently follow.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Imagination is the first step necessary in improving your current situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You will not regret giving in to those dreams of adventure and travel. Pick up a few brochures, and start to make those fantasies a reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Something you've been dreading for some time will turn out to be far less serious than you imagined.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Keep personal selfishness out of the picture when making a decision for the group. What seems like a monkey wrench in the works will turn out to be a lucky twist of fate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) An irritating problem on the domestic front can be solved with a more creative approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You will inspire all around you with your enthusiasm and great ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It might be necessary to distance yourself from the demands of family life for a while.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are unable to get through red tape, so take a few deep breaths and wait in line with the world patiently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Hang on to your principles in the face of an unexpected turn of events. Use your common sense when dealing with the unknown.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A well-deserved boost in your position is in the very near future.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Perform an altruistic gesture and someone in a position of authority is likely to notice.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Against solid defenders, a crafty declarer enjoys deceiving an opponent by means of a well-timed falsecard. Imagine how satisfying it would be to trap both defenders with the same falsecard. Given the favorable opening lead, South has eight quick winners if he accepts the free spade finesse. But if he wins East's spade 10 with his jack, will alert defenders plug away at spades or will they find South's weak spot in hearts? Today's South took out insurance against a possible heart shift. His clever falsecard was $\heartsuit 10$ $\heartsuit 10$ against either opponent. When East played the spade 10 at trick one, South won with his ace, not his jack. Then he led a low club to dummy's queen to lead a low diamond. East hopped up quickly to return partner's suit, but South's nine trapped West's queen. Now South had time to knock out the diamond king and claim 11 tricks. Suppose East had played a low diamond instead of his ace. In with his diamond king, would West find the killing heart shift or would he lead another spade? Surely, he would assume East had the spade jack and continue in spades. Perhaps he could run his spades if South needed a heart finesse. Should East have shifted to a heart after winning his diamond ace? It's not an obvious play. Why would he make such a risky shift when it seemed routine to return partner's suit? With no fault attributed to either defender for failing to shift to hearts, declarer deserves full credit!

NORTH (9-29-A)
 $\heartsuit$ K 6 2
 $\spadesuit$ J 9 3
 $\clubsuit$ 9 8 6
 $\diamond$ A Q 10 5

WEST
 $\heartsuit$ Q 8 7 5 3
 $\spadesuit$ K 6 5 2
 $\clubsuit$ K 3
 $\diamond$ 6 4

EAST
 $\heartsuit$ Q 10 4
 $\spadesuit$ Q 10 8 7
 $\clubsuit$ A 4 2
 $\diamond$ 9 8 7 3

SOUTH
 $\heartsuit$ A J 9
 $\spadesuit$ A 10
 $\clubsuit$ Q J 10 7 5
 $\diamond$ K J 2

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding:
 1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead Spade five

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0818

ACROSS

- 1 Leave without paying
6 Over the edge
10 Not fooled by
14 Group that has its own organ
18 "The Black Station" boy
19 Denunciate, with "at"
17 1958 Rosalind Russell comedy
19 As to
20 British sports cars
21 Utopias
22 Dial sounds
23 Plus
24 Like unwashed hair
- 25 1955 Fred Astaire/Leslie Caron musical
31 Gardens amidst the sands
32 Left, at sea
33 Photo
35 Abbr. on an envelope
36 Free, as knots
37 — Alto, Calif.
38 Mink's coat
39 Hankings
40 Arrived
41 1981 Joan Crawford expose starring Faye Dunaway
44 Chops (off)
46 "She loves me —"
48 Clumps of earth
49 Take care of
- 51 Verse on a vase
54 Throw a tantrum
55 1963 film of a Chekhov classic with Laurence Olivier
57 Word after "roger"
58 Wit Mort
59 Animated Fudd
60 Caution
61 "I" problems
62 Title pages?

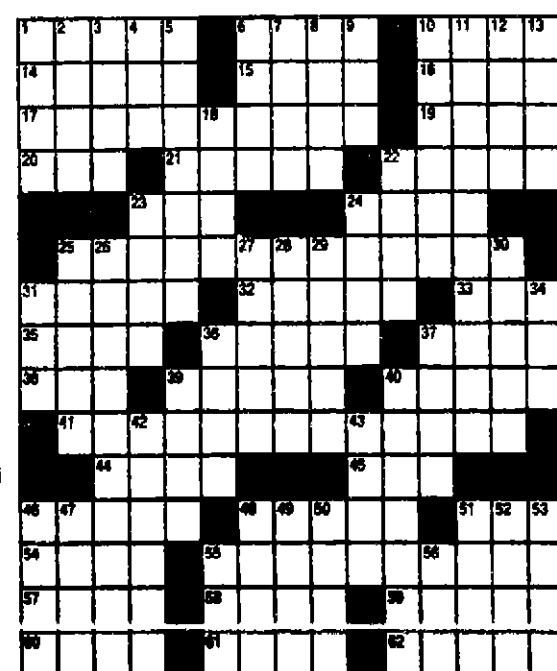
DOWN

- 1 Rip-off
2 Hood
3 They're charged
4 Like a fiddle?
5 Hit 1990's NBC sitcom
6 Clue, for one
7 Money guru
8 Cretan
9 Woodsman's tool
10 Cal Ripken, for one
11 Female butters
12 Spare, maybe
13 Bullfight bravos
14 Whirlpool
15 Pinkish foul
16 Yemeni city

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ABET BAAS FATAL
LOPE ABLE UTILE
ALEX BLIP ROLLS
STEAMBOAT WOLLE
SOLO BEL
VCR NEMESIS SAG
ERODE LAG PARR
GOODTIME CHARLIE
ACME LEN LEASE

ATA NEMS
STAGED BOON JOHNNY
CADRE ADOO RICO
ARIEL TONI ETAL
MONEY SEEN WEAK



Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

- 26 Made a choice
27 Ping or zing
28 Challenge for a bowler
31 Bumbling one
34 Junior
36 "Exodus" author
37 Dickinson or
- 40 Meal for the humble?
47 Volcanic flow
48 Barely catch
49 Kind of chamber
50 Building extensions
51 Treater's words
52 Changed colors
53 Pairs with drums
54 Take advantage of
55 Hearty brew

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